



BLM Resource Advisory Councils

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Forrest Nelson

Biographical Sketch, Northwest RAC Member

Forrest Nelson has filled much of his 50 years in Meeker serving others; currently as a Rio Blanco County commissioner and as a member of the school and fair boards, planning commission and soil conservation district.

Nelson uses and enjoys public lands as a hunter, livestock grazer and ATV enthusiast, and represents his RAC constituency in Category 3 as an elected official. Issues of interest to Forrest are extraction activities on public lands, as well as managing public lands for all uses—with each user group being afforded appropriate access.

Nelson is a longtime rancher raising cattle, sheep and horses, and is active as a local 4-H Club leader. A past president of the 106,000-member American Paint Horse Association, Nelson is the current chairman of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado, a five-county group of government entities lobbying and collaborating toward common interests for northwestern Colorado.